

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James D. Ballew et al.  
Serial No.: 10/824,874  
Filing Date: 15 April 2004  
Confirmation No.: 7117  
Group Art Unit: 2183  
Examiner: Vincent Lai  
Title: *High Performance Computing System and Method*

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**Response to Office Communication**

In response to the Office Communication sent 7 February 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following.